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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.

Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$604.

- \$72 for 4 total claims over 20.
- \$252 for 3 independent claims over 3.
- \$280 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

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| 05 FG:104 | 280.00 00 |

- The oath or declaration is missing.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

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- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1474.**

- This application does not contain a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). Applicant must provide such statement. If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000).

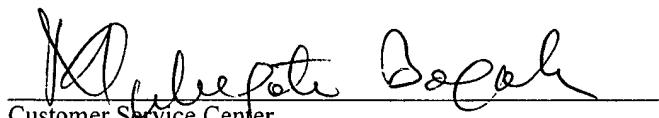
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In re Patent Application of:

MAERTENS et al.

Serial No. 09/995,791

Filed: November 29, 2001

For: PURIFIED HEPATITIS C VIRUS ENVELOPE PROTEINS FOR DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Attention: Application Branch

Atty. Dkt. 2551-68

Date: July 26, 2002

The attached completes filing of the above-identified patent application:

Signed Rule 63 Declaration alone, Copy of Declaration from prior application alone, OR
 Signed Declaration plus attached copy of originally filed specification/drawings.
 NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED form.
 Record the attached assignment and return to the undersigned.
 Attached is a Power of Attorney.
 Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

| Application Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed |
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respectively.

Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
 Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____, filed _____.
 Applicant claims "small entity" status. "Small entity" statement attached.
 Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee.
 Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Other: Amendment, paper and computer readable copies of Sequence Listing

Fees due are calculated below:

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| Basic filing fee | | \$ 740.00 |
| Total Effective claims 24 - 20 = 4 x \$ 18.00 | | \$ 72.00 |
| Independent claims 6 - 3 = 3 x \$ 84.00 | | \$ 252.00 |
| If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper) | | \$ 280.00 |
| | FILING FEE | \$ 1,344.00 |

Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$400.00/2 months; \$920.00/3 months; \$1440.00/4 months) \$ 1,960.00

Surcharge (\$130.00) if Declaration or filing fee first now submitted \$ 130.00

English translation of specification and claims (\$130.00) \$ 0.00

FIRST SUBTOTAL \$ 3,434.00

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Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) \$ 40.00

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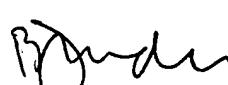
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